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SUBJECT: DRV PROTEST TO ITALIANS RE ALLEGED VIOLATIONS OF
PARIS ACCORDS BY U.S. AND GVN

1. RESPONSIBLE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS INFORMED US THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE CHARGE IN ROME CALLED AT HIS REQUEST NOVEMBER 23 ON FOREIGN MINISTRY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS DUCCI TO PROTEST ALLEGED US AND GVN VIOLATIONS OF PARIS ACCORDS. ACCORDING SOURCE, DRV CHARGE LEFT PAPER ENTITLED "DECLARATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM ON INTENSIFICATION OF ACTS OF WAR ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE SAIGON ADMINISTRATION." OFFICIAL SAID DECLARATION WAS DATED "HANOI, NOVEMBER 10". (WE ASSUME DEPARTMENT AWARE OF "DECLARATION" WHICH CATALOG OF ALLEGATIONS OF U.S. AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE VIOLATIONS OF PARIS ACCORDS).

2. ACCORDING SOURCE, DRV CHARGE HAD SOUGHT MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MORO, BUT MINISTRY HAD DELIBERATELY OFFERED APPOINTMENT AT LOWER LEVEL SINCE ITALIANS WERE AWARE THAT CHARGE WOULD BE PRESENTING NORTH VIETNAMESE PROTEST.

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3. OFFICIAL SAID DRV CHARGE MADE PRESENTATION PARALLELING TEXT

OF "DECLARATION", AND ASKED THAT GOI USE "ITS INFLUENCE" IN WASHINGTON AND SAIGON SO THAT U.S. AND GVN WOULD RESPECT PARIS ACCORDS.

4. ACCORDING SOURCE, WHO SAT IN ON CONVERSATION, DUCCI TOLD DRV CHARGE THAT GVN HAD ALSO PRESENTED CHARGES OF NORTH VIETNAMESE AND PRG VIOLATIONS OF PARIS ACCORDS TO ITALIANS. DUCCI EXPLAINED THAT ITALIANS FAR-REMOVED FROM SITUATION ON GROUND IN VIETNAM, AND THEREFORE IT DIFFICULT FOR THEM TO MAKE JUDGEMENT BETWEEN CHARGES AND COUNTER-CHARGES OF PARTIES. IN THIS CONTEXT, DUCCI MENTIONED THAT ITALIANS HAVE AMBASSADOR IN SAIGON, AND HOPED THAT SOON THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO SEND AMBASSADOR TO HANOI TO GIVE ADDITIONAL PERSPECTIVE TO ITALIAN VIEWS ON SITUATION. DUCCI REMARKED TO CHARGE THAT ITALIANS REGARDED RECENT RESUMPTION OF GVN/PRG TALKS IN PARIS AS HOPEFUL SIGN.

5. DUCCI INFORMED DRV CHARGE THAT IT WAS ITALIAN POSITION THAT COUTSIDE INTERVENTION IN VIETNAMESE SITUATION COULD IMPEDE PROPER FUNCTIONING OF PARIS ACCORDS WHICH PARTIES SHOULD ALLOW TO BE FULLY IMPLEMENTED. HE SAID ITALIANS WOULD STUDY NORTH VIETNAMESE DOCUMENT IN CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO GOI. DRV CHARGE RESPONDED THAT INFORMATION ON SITUATION FROM U.S. AND GVN WAS "TOTALLY FALSE."

6. ACCORDING SOURCE, HE TOOK OPPORTUNITY WHILE ESCORTING NORTH VIETNAMESE CHARGE OUT OF MINISTRY TO RAISE QUESTION OF POSSIBLE NORTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY OFFENSIVE. OFFICIAL SAID HE WARNED DRV CHARGE THAT NORTH VIETNAMESE MILITARY ACTION SUCH AS THAT WHICH KILLED PEACE EFFORTS IN MARCH 1972 WOULD TURN WORLD OPINION SOLIDLY AGAINST DRV. VOLPE

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